

Remarks Responding to Numbered Paragraphs of Detailed Action:

Paragraphs 1 and 2:

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected as anticipated by Hendrick. It is believed that the above clarification made to Claim 15 places both Claims in condition for allowance.

While it is true that Hendrick shows an air motor acting through a gear drive to turn a valve, the air motor and gear drive do not comprise a mount that separably associates them with the valve, as now recited in Claim 15. It does appear possible that the air motor and gear drive can be removed from operative association with the valve, but if that is done, there is no external actuator for turning the valve, as also contemplated by Claim 15. The only possible "actuator" would be the spool 18, and while that would make gear 52 the "coupler", Claim 15 is distinguished by calling for the coupler to be coaxial with both the output shaft (of the gear drive) and the actuator for coupling a protruding end of the output shaft coaxially with the valve actuator. To the extent that spool might be interpreted as a "coupler", it isn't coaxial with both the actuator and the gear drive output shaft.

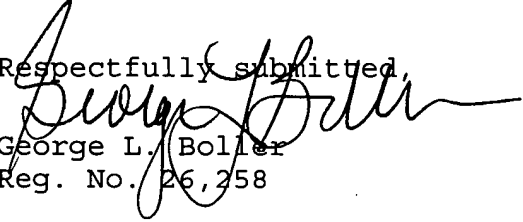
Paragraph 4:

Claims 17 and 18 are re-written in independent form. Claim 19 is dependent from Claim 18.

Conclusion and Additional Fee Payment:

Because all pending claims are now distinguished, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. An \$86.00 check for the additional small-entity claim fee (two additional independent claims) is enclosed.

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